

	<b>Department of Human Services</b> <b>Division: Benefits and Community Support</b>		
<b>Policy Title:</b>	Additional Care Needs Policy		
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It is the policy of Larimer County to pay special needs child care rates based upon verified individual need. Special needs child care rates will be paid per the county rate plan based on a providers quality rating, hours the child is in care and the child's age.

In order to determine if a special needs rate will be paid an assessment will be required by a physician or other appropriate medical professional. This assessment is on the Health Care Provider Form included in the special needs packet. A special needs packet will be required annually in order to continue providing a special needs rate.

When a special needs packet is received by the county the case will be reviewed by a CCAP manager and at least one other person in a management role to determine if there is adequate information provided to designate a special needs rate. If additional information is required to help with this determination it will be requested and be due within ten (10) calendar days. If a special needs rate is approved the CCAP eligibility technician will back date that approval to the date when all required information to make the determination was received.

The family and the provider will be notified by CCAP on the results of the determination made.

When a special needs rate is approved it is the responsibility of the provider to develop an ICP and provide a copy to the county annually.

Some considerations for paying a special needs rate:

- Child exhibits repeated disruption to others due to emotional and/or behavioral and/or developmental difficulties.
- Child has medical needs which require supervision, or moderate medical problems for example a tendency to choke.
- Child has a mental health diagnosis, behavioral difficulties and/or developmental delays that require intermittent one on one assistance and/or supervision.
- Child has a mental health diagnosis, behavioral difficulties that require redirecting behavior or behavior modification training.
- Child has a serious medical condition requiring specialized training for example using a feeding tube.
- Child requires one on one assistance and/or supervision to keep them safe and to provide safety for others.
- There are concerns about sexual or physical aggression and or a history of fire setting.

- Child is over the age of thirteen (13) but up to the age of nineteen (19), and is physically or mentally incapable of caring for himself or herself or under court supervision.